FROM THE FIELD.

In Indiana.

I visited Roann, Mexico and Oakville. At Roann, the Brethren are a brotherly-love people. But I did not remain there Lord's Day as I intended. I was told Mexico was a few miles away, and as relatives were living there, I visited the Brethren and relative. This was on the 11th, inst. There are several families at Mexico who are members of the Brethren. Miss Lina Fisher, who is now one of the excellent students at the College resides at that place. Her parents, brother and sister J. O. Fisher, made me very welcome. I preached in Mexico Lord's Day evening.

Monday, the 12th, I tried to get to Oakville, but was laid out by missconnections. On Tuesday I arrived and found Bro. Swihart, the pioneer evangelist, and Bro. Perry. The rain greatly hindered the meeting they were holding. I expected to meet Bro. Keim there on Thursday, and was much disappointed. My arrangements were made of non-effect, and so I came home to start anew.

The Brethren church at Oakville has an interesting history. It is the only church in the hamlet, and there are only a few families in the place who are not members. It contains many good people and the church is marching on to victory. Bro. Swihart has remarkable success in building up churches, and this place is one of his temples of faithfulness as a steward of the richest of eternal life.

One of the facts of interest clustering around the memory of the place is a cyclone experience passed through over four years ago. As I visited around, I learned that the whole village was literally torn to pieces. Bro. M. had his house torn down and he had his leg broken. Bro. H. suffered a similar loss and he had a leg broken in two places. The sister who lived across the street had an arm broken, another was pinned down with timber and was unconscious for hours afterwards. And so the account goes on around the town. It was all done in a moment, I was told, and that before any one realized the situation, it was all over. Such is the wonderful power of the elements when they are harnessed in a certain way.

Bro. Swihart is preparing to enter upon his work as state evangelist.

Bro. Perry spent a week there and accompanied me in the parting. Bro H. will continue the meeting.

A. L. GARBER.

Hurrah for Jesus!

"Glory to God. My soul is satisfied." The election is past and the Republicans seem to be so rejoiced over their leader that they are hallooing "Hurrah for Harrison" everwhere. I am not envious of his victory, because I believe he will make a good President, but I don't think we ought to give Harrison all the praise. When our leader (Jesus) gains a victory we ought to praise his name and not give all the praise to this world.

We have received two more valuable additions. One by baptism and one by relation.

Bro. Joshua Long who has been a preacher for several years in the Conservative church is the one by relation. He is a young, honest, straightforward man and a good preacher. He was educated at Huntington, Pa. He is a nice talker and preaches good practical sermons. Strong advocate of the doctrine of the Bible. I could give many reason for his changing churches, but I think it unnecessary. The same old time song "Elder Power." Though they never attempt to enforce much of it upon him but when he saw it enforced upon others he became disgusted and as a minister of the Gospel he felt that it was wrong for him to stay in a church that upheld those traditions. Now he has gospel freedom and I believe will make an able defender of the pure gospel free from all the traditions of men. I have been acquainted with Bro. Long for nearly two years. I have found him to be free from prejudices open to conviction and always ready to accept the truth and reject error.

We feel that we have received a valuable help to our church and we give him a hearty welcome. His wife was a member of the Disciple church and a live worker. She has not been satisfied with some few things in said church for some time, therefore feeling that she could obey the commandments of Christ better in the Brethren church than any other she was willing to come with him to us. She is well fitted in every way for a pastor's wife and will be a great help to him.

The reason my soul is satisfied and I feel like shouting from the heart "Hurrah for Jesus" is because I needed help so badly and prayed for it and the Lord has answered my prayers and gave me the needed help. Is not this enough to cause me to praise the Lord and not forget all his benefits?

May the Lord abundantly bless Bro. Long and family and so may he lead many souls to Christ. Amen.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

Nov. 12, 1888.

Dallas Centre, Iowa.

Brother S. H. Bashor returns to Dallas being absent 12 or 13 years. How pleasant when true friends renew acquaintance. A tear unbiden came when I saw true Christian love drive prejudice to the wall, and bid our evangelist welcome, for the Brethren in this community, has rolled the mighty stone away. Was calling sinners forth who for years have been buried away from the light of Christ while thus engaged. We hear the voice of limited time say, come, you must go with me. Leaving this community deeply interested, four ready for baptism, a number under conviction, the church rejoicing, ten accessions, seven baptized; three by relation; all heads of families and of good standing in the best society. Our communion was unusually impressive.

Bro. Bashor's friends in Dallas Co., are legion who with one voice say, come again.

CLARA FLORA.

Meeting of the H. M. Board.

On Saturday evening Nov. 10, the H. M. Board met at Bro. D. J. Miller's, for the transaction of business, pertaining to mission work in Ohio.

The first was the Secretary's financial report, of receipts from June 15, 1888 to Nov. 10, 1888.

Zimmerman church,		$5.50
Ashland City	"	8.41
Bear Creek	"	25.00
Fair View	"	4.49
Little York	"	6.50
Homer	"	11.50
Fair Haven	"	10.00
Dry Creek	"	2.00
Total,		$73.40

From this report it will be seen that our reciepts have not been very heavy since our last convention, and what has been done this year so far, has been done by a minority of our churches. The Board however, is determined to do all within its power, with the means at our command. We point with pride to the work accomplished by the H. M. during the past; see report of last S. S. convention.

At our last meeting we decided to continue Zimmerman as a mission post; and have so arranged with Bro. P. J. Brown that he will continne to preach for them. They are marching grandly on to victory, but are not quite able to care for themselves yet.

We have also taken up Logan as a mission post, and have ordered Bro. J. A. Miller to hold a series of meetings, preparatory to organizing a church there if possible. We hope for good results, and a good report from Bro. Miller.

We also decided to send Bro. Brown to Meigs, and Logan counties on a prospecting tour, and the Secretary to Putnam and Darke counties to see what can be done there. The mission field is slowly, but surely developing, but whether we will be able to properly work, it, will depend largely upon the aid we receive. It seems the harvest is ripe, but he laborers are few, and what we have, cannot accomplish much unaided, so, much time, and valuable material is lost, which had we the means, might be gathered up, utilized, and in return made to yield a bountiful harvest.

The Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

ISAAC KILHEFNER, Sec.
H. HOMAN, Pres.

Miami Valley Items.

Our usual meeting at Pleasant Hill passed off as pleasantly as usual. On Saturday evening, there was a political jollification in town, and also being a rainy night there was a very poor representation at church.

It is strange that there are those who would prefer to go to a political jollification than to come to church. Even some of those people are professing Christians.

On last Monday we commenced our protracted meeting at Miamisburg. On Wednesday evening there was a rally in the vicinity, and although it was a very wet night, we found there were many who could muster up enough of zeal and courage to go to the rally that could not find any time or inclination to come to church on such a night. The outcome was that there was an overflowing crowd on the streets at the political rally, while at the church there were only about 30 in the congregation.

Bro. Brown paid us a visit last Wednesday evening. He was getting ready for the Zimmerman dedication. It was quite a while since he had visited us, so was all the more appreciated.

We know that some of the Brethren may think because we have a little discussion on hands we are not good friends. That is a mistake. I cannot indorse his opinions on the Passover, and I do not consider them sufficiently backed up by argument, but yet I make a distinction between a man and his opinions. It is not really necessary that any one should dislike both. At least I am glad I can make the distinction.

So now we hope no one will think we are enemies or even bad friends. I want to dispel such a thought at once. Bro. Brown is one of my first friends in the church, and outside of my own immediate family, there is no one for whom I have greater love and respect.

But in the discussion of these questions, I think it would be unjust to allow friendship to blind our judgment. So as our old brother has made some great mistakes and has made them publicly, he must be put right, and I do so in the best of spirits and with the purest of motives.

Bro. Brown has done and is still doing a noble work in the brotherhood, and when the history of the Brethren church is written he shall receive credit for the sacrifices and unselfish activity he has shown in the building up of the church. But with all this we dare not allow our brother to commit errors that may endanger the fair record he has made.

In this discussion I have tried to be courteous and charitable. I am in dead earnest in what I say, and would not for a moment, attempt to mislead or take advantage of an opponent merely for the sake of getting the best of the argument. We should argue and discuss with the idea uppermost that truth must prevail.

So now the little criticism I am about to offer is for the purpose of getting Bro. Brown and myself right before the church. I really cannot believe that our brother meant things as they appeared. If he did I hope he will take this little chiding for the better. In the heat of discussion, our brother gets a little radical and needs to be corrected.

If all the brotherhood knew me as they do in the Miami Valley, in Wayne and Ashland Counties or wherever I have preached I would not think this explanation necessary.

In the discussion of religious subjects I try to be free from insinuations that will lower my opponent in the estimation of my brethren.

Our brother's reflection upon my ability is not exactly an argument. I hardly consider it in good taste for me to defend my scholarship. My opinions and my productions have been before the church for the last eight years, and I am willing the brotherhood should judge whether I am a mere superficial thinker or not.

I thank the several brethren who have written me letters of encouragement during this discussion, and I shall never concede one single gospel truth.

One of these letters I will use, and may enlarge upon it on some future time. As I am now on the way to meeting and cannot

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OUR CHURCH.

Bro. W. L. Stahl will preach at the College next Lord's Day.

Eld. Jerrold seems to be doing an important religious work in New Mexico.

Bro. W. W. Summer's is now preaching for the brethren at Bunker Hill, Ind.

If Eli. Wescott will please send us his post office address we can attend to the business he wrote about.

Eld. S. H. Bashor is expected to hold a protracted meeting at Milledgeville, Ill., soon; also Mulberry, Ind.

Bro. A. A. Cober is getting along very nicely in his studies at the Morgan Park Theological Seminary, Chicago.

Eld. J. H. Swihart is closing his pastoral engagements preparatory to commencing his labors as Indiana state evangelist.

Bro. Flora who attended the College last winter is now teaching school. He will further prepare himself for the ministerial work in the future, and devote himself to that calling.

Bro. E. L. Yoder now writes from Morrill, Kan. He has moved into the Brethren neighborhood, and hereafter his many correspondents will take notice and address him there.

There will be communion services held in the Brush Valley meeting house on the evening of the 6th of December. Meetings to commence on the evening of of the 2nd of December. The usual invitation is extended to all of like precious faith to come and participate.—J. B. Wampler.

We have an able speaker who hitherto has not engaged in much revival work but is now open for engagement. The terms will be very reasonable.

Any church desiring to secure his services will please address this office. We believe the brother will make a very successful evangelist.

For the first time in this village, last Saturday night, the New Testament ordinances were observed. Elder Smouse, of Pa., was the armor bearer of the Christian band of soldiers. He indeed won the favor of our people as a good and interesting preacher. He should be in the field.

For the information of those who are interested in my future work, will say, owing to some delay in the proper organization of the evangelistic board, I cannot enter upon the duties assigned me by the St. James convention of Maryland; but I shall do some revival work this winter, before settling down to pastoral work, provided I can shake of the cares of business. The churches wanting my services this winter should make early applications.—E. B. Shaver, Maurertown, Va.

God's presence is enough for toil and for rest. If He journey with us by the way, He will abide with us when nightfall comes; and His companionship will be sufficient for direction on the road, and for solace and safety in the evening camp.—Maclaren.

Be of good cheer about death, and know this of a truth—that no evil can happen to a good man, either in life or after death. —Socrates, B. C. 470.

Every man has his own identity, and we ought not to find fault with our neighbor because he differs from us and acts upon a line of his own. We are doing the same.

Nothing sets a person so much out of the devil's reach as humility, and nothing puts him so well within reach of heaven's grace and graces.